

him to let me read it, and as you would probably be anxious to see it, I will send you a copy of that part which alludes to Mr. S. This is a letter written from Augusta and received six weeks ago.

Respectfully your's &c  
I. W. Hughes

Richard D. Spaight Esq<sup>r</sup>

I preserved the equanimity of my temper, throughout the whole transaction, until the afternoon of the day of our return to Fayetteville, when Mr Smith called on me, to request, that I would confer without the privacy of Hughes, previously to my signing the peace bonds. I do not know when I suffered so much from suppressed passion. I had given my word that I would not directly or indirectly do any thing to render the securities liable &c. My first impulse was to Knock him down & trample his vile carcase in the dust, but I restrained myself, & told him how perfectly I was at the disposal of his friend, and also how happy I should be to accommodate *him* Mr Nathaniel Smith in the same way.

N. B. It may be necessary for me to explain how I heard what passed, I was sitting as near the (2) door as possible. D<sup>r</sup> C & Mr S. went only outside, so as I was sitting near when Mr S. came in, I seated myself in the same place, & overheard what conversation passed between them. I did not Know whether you would wish to see this or not, but supposing it would not be entirely uninteresting, I have ventured to send you the above statement.

Your respectfully,  
IWH

Addressed: Richard D. Spaight Esqr

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*Richard D. Spaight to Thomas W. Blackledge*<sup>14</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1827

Dear Thomas

I leave a letter with this, to be given you, when you arrive. I go to see the old Solicitor (Miller) and take this means of communicating with

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<sup>14</sup>For Thomas W. Blackledge see 1814, n. 2. This letter included as enclosures Isaac W. Hughes's letter of May 31, 1827, to R. D. Spaight (see above) and the letter that follows this one.